(b) if so, the reasons together with details thereof and since when they are lying vacant and the details of efforts made by the said organizations to dispose them off together with their reserve prices;

(c) the steps taken to allot those shops/commercial flats immediately; and

(d) the number of senior citizens above the age of 65 years who have shown interest in the allotment of vacant shops and the action taken on their requests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Open drain in Dwarka

1773. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a drain (nallah) passing between the rear boundary wall of DDA HIG flats Sector-13, Pocket-B, Dwarka, Ph-2 and rear boundary wall of Pragati Public School is open and spreads foul smell in DDA's residential colony and the school;

(b) whether this nallah is causing serious health hazards and is a breading ground for mosquitoes and is leading to ill effects on the health of residents and school children;

(c) whether this nallah is the root cause of Dengue, Malaria and other similar diseases among the inhabitants; and

(d) if so, the remedial action taken by Government to cover this nallah?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that the storm water trunk drain No. 5 (nallah) was constructed by DDA while developing Dwarka. This drain has been constructed as per the drainage scheme duly approved by Delhi Jal Board/Municipal Corporation of Delhi and is meant to carry storm

water of feeding catchment area into Nazafgarh drain. No complaints about any foul smell have received by DDA.

(b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has informed that Culex mosquito breads in polluted drain water which is not a vector for any disease in Delhi. Weakly anti-larval measures are taken by MCD by spraying larvicides in the nallah.

(c) The MCD has further stated that mosquitoes transmitting Dengue and Malaria do not bread in such drain.

(d) In view of the reply to (b) and (c) above, does not arise.

Master Plan for Delhi

†1774. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a master plan has been drawn up to develop Delhi, the capital of the country, and make it an attractive and beautiful place alongwith all basic infrastructural facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Delhi is becoming filthy day-by-day and jhuggi-jhopri, shop-keepers and religious mafia are polluting the whole atmosphere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The draft Master Plan for Delhi-2021 in respect of which a public notice was issued on 8th April, 2005, for inviting objections/suggestions, provides for Vision 2021 to make Delhi a global metropolis and world class city where all the people are engaged in productive work with a decent standard of living and quality of life in a sustainable environment. Apart from recommending provisions related to the planning process for critical issues such as land, physical infrastructure, transport, the ecology and environment, housing, socio-cultural and other institutional facilities, it also makes recommendations on relevant aspects of governance and management.

(c) Regular efforts are made by local bodies and the agencies concerned to maintain cleanliness and prevent/remove encroachments in accordance with the provisions of relevant Acts and policies.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.